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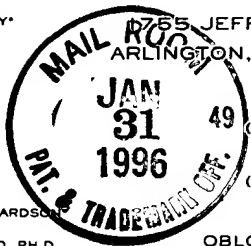
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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IN A RELATED APPLICATION

Our check in the amount of \$ -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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This is to advise the examiner that an additional interference has been requested in parent application serial No. 08/049,231 filed April 19, 1993, which is a continuation of application serial No. 07/647,578 filed January 29, 1991. Accordingly, if and when the additional interference is declared, this application should be handled in conformity with MPEP § 2315.01. That is, prosecution should continue in the normal course unless the examiner determines that one or more claims is or are drawn to the same patentable invention within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.601(n) as the claims involved in the interference. If the examiner makes that determination, he should give the applicants the opportunity (1) to cancel the claim(s), (2) to persuade the examiner that the claim(s) is or are not drawn to the same patentable invention,

or (3) to amend the claim(s) and to persuade the examiner that the amended claim(s) is or are not drawn to the same patent-able invention. If applicants do not do any of the foregoing, the examiner should suspend action on this application pending the outcome of the interference.

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